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SUBJECT: APCAC CONFERENCE-INTELSAT ISSUE

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1. TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON INTELSAT TO BE PROPOSED BY ROC AMCHAM IS AS FOLLOWS: "THE APCAC RECOGNIZES THE IMMENSE CONTRIBUTION OF INTELSAT TO WORLD COMMUNICATIONS AND STRONGLY SUPPORTS THAT THE RIGHT OF UNIVERSAL ACCESS AND USE OF COMMERCIAL SATELLITES MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL NATIONS WHO ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO SUBSCRIBE TO ITS SERVICES REGARDLESS OF THE STATE OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, BEING ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY, IS STRONGLY URGED TO SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ORGANIZATION AND OPPOSE ANY INTERFERENCE OF A POLITICAL NATURE ATTEMPTING TO POLITICIZE THE INTELSAT AND JEOPARDIZE FREE COMMUNICATION BY SATELLITE." IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT NO REFERENCE IS MADE IN DRAFT TO EITHER PRC OR TO ROC.

2. NEWS THAT ROC AMCHAM WOULD PROPOSE RESOLUTION ON INTELSAT IS HARDLY UNEXPECTED. DRAFT AGENDA OF APCAC MEETINGN INCLUDING ITEM ON ITELSTAT, HAS BEEN IN HANDS OF MEMBER CHAMBERS

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AT LEAST TWO WEEKS. IN FACT, ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT OF ROC

AMCHAM, AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED IN CURRENT ISSUE OF HONG KONG CHAMBER MAGAZINE. TO SAY THAT INTELSAT IS ONLY ROC/PRC ISSUE AT APCAC MEETING IS PERPLEXING SINCE THERE IS ALSO AGENDA ITEM ON MUCH MORE SENSITIVE ISSUE OF US DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC AND ROC.

3. IF HONG KONG AMCHAM IS CONCERNED ABOUT INTELSAT RESOLUTION, IT HAS NOT YET EXPRESSED THAT CONCERN EITHER TO PRESIDENT OR TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ROC AMCHAM. THIS WAS STATED CATEGORICALLY BY FORMER, WITH WHOM ECON COUN SPOKE BY TELEPHONE IN HONG KONG THURSDAY NIGHT.
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